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Walt reports:

On October 13, Bunker discussed with Thieu and Ky the question of time between the bombing halt and talks. Thieu stressed "there must not be a long delay."

On October 15, Thieu bought a delay of 36 hrs.

On October 23, Thieu reluctantly agreed to as much as 3 days delay.

October 28 was the communique. Bunker also reached an explicit agreement with Thieu that the gap between bombing and talks would be 2 or 3 days with 3 days the outer limit.

Walt said the important thing is that throughout the month, Thieu and Ky stressed on us the importance of a minimum delay.

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